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One hardly reckons Grouchy as a Marshal, though he had served well and long before gaining the rank. In 1793, when he was Brigadier-General, he lost his rank by a decree against the nobles, but with extraordinary resolution he entered the ranks as a private and regained his grade. He occupied a rather anomalous position, being a Marquis of the *ancien regime* and a Count of the Empire. In 1815 he joined Napoleon, and was sent against the Due d'Angouleme, whom he forced to capitulate. Napoleon, partly as a reward for this, partly requiring a commander for his cavalry to replace Murat, gave Grouchy the *baton*. His conduct during the campaign is a matter of general history; here we need only remark that the presence under him of Vandamme, who had been crushed at Kulm in 1813 in trying to intercept the beaten Allies, may have had some influence in making Grouchy over-cautious. Whatever his faults, Grouchy certainly retreated skilfully, and brought his corps safely to Laon. He received the command of the whole army from Soult at Soissons, giving over his corps to Vandamme, and brought the whole to Paris by the 29th of June. His influence was exerted to stop further resistance, but he was one of those the Bourbons intended to have tried and shot — a fate he avoided by leaving the Army of the Loire and going to Philadelphia, only returning in 1821, when he was put on the retired list as a lieutenant-general. He was not restored to his rank as Marshal till the 19th of November, 1831, when Louis Philippe reigned. Two of his sisters, both clever women, married, the one Condorcet the Girondist, and the other the more fortunate Cabanis. The Marquis de Grouchy died in 1847.

Soult, Duke of Dalmatia, had been made Minister of War by the Bourbons in September, 1814, replacing their first and characteristic choice of Dupont, the unfortunate general who surrendered at Baylen to the Spaniards. On the landing of Napoleon the Royalists threw doubts on Soult's loyalty, doubts which had no foundation, for he